

Fares in the Roped Arena in This Country Have Been Few and Far Apart in the Last Two Decades

BAC MUSLEARN SEVERAL LESSONS BESIDES RUNNING

Quick Thinking, Aggressiveness, Strength and Speed Needed in Makeup.

STARS OF FOOTBALL WERE ALL ROUND MEN

Coach of the Washington and Jefferson Football Team.

The more one coaches football teams the more he is impressed with the difficulty of producing a backfield player, although for these players—quarter, full and the two half backs—there are more candidates than for any other places on the eleven. Boys of all sizes and abilities come out for the backfield and few are fitted to play there. This is due to the fact that in nearly all preparatory school football the big boys and the small ones, who are faster, usually play in the backfield. Nothing more natural than for them to attempt to run the game in the backfield.

In spite of all this there are few good backs. Most of this type know only how to run with the ball, and running with the ball is the last requirement of a back. In fact, because of the other requirements—making interference and playing on defense—it is more difficult to play these positions properly than any other on the team.

All the players want to run with the ball. Carrying the ball is as satisfying to the football player as playing the guitar to the golfer, but a back must first know how to interfere to be on a winning team. A back must first master proper putting and blocking. Consequently making interference and playing a stiff defensive game is the primary duty of the backfield player and coach.

In the former he is not likely to receive much public praise for good work. He is the latter he must not be able to tackle viciously, but he must be quick in diagnosing the offense in order to break it up before it is under way. And with equal importance value grows as he is able to catch, pass and kick the ball.

Has Many Requirements.

Knowing the requirements for good backs, it is not surprising that few players really are great backs. To become a great back one must be a quick thinker, aggressive, strong and ready to follow orders. In a number of ways as well as to stand the pounding one in this position is subjected to. Running with the ball is a secondary consideration out of the coach in selecting his first string of backs.

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Harder to Fake But Now Than in the Olden Days

Confession of Crouse Is First in More Than Twenty Years—Fitzsimmons Was One of Few to Admit He Laid Down—O'Brien Crossed by Burns.

By THE VETERAN.

The confession of Buck Crouse that he faked a knockout in a bout with Dave Smith in Australia brings to mind other boxers who also admitted that they were foolish enough not to box on their merits.

Bob Fitzsimmons is on record with the admission that he "laid down" to Jim Hall in Australia for the paltry sum of \$75, but pleaded youth and inexperience as an extenuating circumstance.

Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, light-heavyweight, once wrote a series of articles giving a detailed account of the numerous fakes in which he had engaged.

There were nearly all the other fakers doggedly declined to admit that there was anything wrong with their peculiar work in the ring. It is much more difficult to admit a mistake than to make a confession of a century ago and detection and exposure are almost certain.

Harry Forbes, the Western bantam, was in a tangle with the authorities in the West and he was charged with being one of a band of fakers who systematically faked victims.

The evidence of the faking game is evidenced by the fact that Crouse's affair is the first one of the sort that has come to light in twenty years.

Fitz's First Offense.

There seems to be reason to believe that Robert Fitzsimmons was the first to make a clean breast of a shady bout in the ring. His first fight was in Sydney, Australia, February 16, 1890, on the surface Jim Hall, then the middleweight champion of Australia, and Fitz had nearly put the title holder to sleep in the third session.

It was not until Hall came to America and fought Crouse easily he had disposed of the Cornishman that Fitz in his indignation blurted out the truth. Fitz declared that the alleged \$500 side stake was a myth, and that Hall guaranteed him \$75 out of the gate receipt.

Fitz said that Hall admitted that he was not in physical condition to make a fight, and that he seemed a chance for a knockout. Fitz said that he went over to Philadelphia to clash with O'Brien the negro was approached in the train by two New York sporting men and he was asked to try his best to stop the Quaker.

He replied that if he could knock out the Philadelphia, he would do so, on the condition that he would be paid \$500. The two New York sporting men agreed to this and the fight was made.

On the way home the two men were interviewed by a reporter and they said that they were not interested in the fight, but that they were interested in the money.

It was this way, said Walcott, "You see, my man, I had to put up so much money that I wouldn't knock him out I just didn't dare to hit him."

Crossed by Burns.

Like all boxers who preferred to pay for a bloodless victory, the Philadelphia was well known to the public as a boxer who was not interested in the fight, but in the money.

Realizing that if he could beat Burns he would be in a good championship position, he decided to try his best to stop the Quaker.

He was not to be disappointed. Burns was nothing if not a fighter, and while he readily agreed to the Quaker's proposition he decided to double cross him and win the fight by a knockout.

This practically settled O'Brien as a boxer, and he had few important battles to fight. He was not interested in the fight, but in the money.

The reason it was so easy to fake in the ring was that the judges were not interested in the fight, but in the money. They were not interested in the fight, but in the money.

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HOURLY CANTERS HOME IN FAST TIME

August Belmont's Great Colt Wins Annapolis Stake Pulled Up in 1:12 3-5.

BALTIMORE FOR BOOTS

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 7.—August Belmont's big two-year-old colt, Hourless, won the Annapolis stakes, worth \$2,500, at the Laurel track today in a common canter by two lengths. Clifford A. Cochran's Fairy Wand was second, a length in front of the Glen Riddle Farm's Yankee Witch. Hourless carried 125 pounds to weight, and despite the fact that he was under a full track record, he ran the six furlong course in 1:12 3-5.

Hourless was interfered with shortly after the start, and again just before he crossed the finish line. He was not interfered with again, but he was not as fast as he was in the first race.

The referee counted both out, and about that time the crowd became aware that Fitz and Thorne had been doing some of the cleverest acting ever seen in a roped square.

Therefore it can readily be understood that if Fitz sought to make it appear in a series of articles for the newspapers, and he would not be able to make it look real.

While Fitz never found it necessary to come to more than one, Joseph P. Hagan considered that he could not do the subject justice except in a series of articles for the newspapers, and he would not be able to make it look real.

Hagan in the ring was known as Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, and while he was in his prime one of the cleverest boxers in the country, he was not as fast as he was in the first race.

It would be a waste of time to try to make it look real, and he would not be able to make it look real.

Most of this sort of work by O'Brien was done in England in 1901, when he was in the ring with the title holder, and he was not as fast as he was in the first race.

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DANBURY DOG SHOW A GREAT SUCCESS

Under New Management Nearly All Exhibitors Won Prize Money.

RECORD ATTENDANCE

The thirty-third annual bench show of the Danbury Agricultural Society, which was held last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, was under a new management for the first time in thirty-two years. The policy of the show was not changed as far as liberality in prize money was concerned, for there was scarcely an exhibitor who left the "Hat Town" without money in his pocket. Superintendent Frank F. Dole's rule is that the exhibitors should win.

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